



# **ELKHART INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

## **PARENT-SCHOOL COMPACT**

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The **Elkhart Independent School District Parent-School Compact** is a statement of mutual responsibility which lists the goals and defines the responsibilities of parent, student, teacher, administrator, superintendent and board of trustees. This compact may also be found in the individual campus handbooks - referred to as "Statement of Mutual Responsibility."

### **Parent-School Compact Goals**

- Improve student learning and academic growth opportunities for all students.
- Clarify areas of responsibility for parents, students, teachers, administrators, and the board of trustees.
- Increase the percentage of successful students.
- Enhance learning, safety, and good health for all students.
- Equip students to perform as productive citizens.

### **Statements of Mutual Responsibility**

#### **The SUPERINTENDENT, BOARD OF TRUSTEES, and ADMINISTRATORS shall:**

- Provide the necessary trained and dedicated leadership, personnel, equipment and materials to assure quality education for every student;
- Enact and implement policies, rules and regulations which facilitate the establishment and maintenance of an atmosphere conducive to good behavior and learning;
- Plan a flexible curriculum and activities to meet the needs of all students and provide the resources necessary to implement those plans;
- Ensure student safety through maintenance of school buildings, grounds, and equipment.

#### **The TEACHERS shall:**

- Comply with the district's policies;
- Prepare and implement lesson plans and learning activities which provide an effective educational program for each student and meet the district's guidelines;
- Strive to perfect discipline management techniques needed for the classroom;
- Be on time and be prepared to perform teaching duties;
- Maintain an orderly classroom atmosphere conducive to learning;
- Establish rapport and a positive atmosphere with students, parents and other staff members;
- Help students strive toward self-discipline;
- Encourage good study habits;
- Serve as appropriate role models for students;
- Adhere to standards set forth in this code.

**The STUDENTS shall:**

- Attend all classes on time, except when ill or otherwise lawfully excused;
- Prepare for each class, with assigned work and appropriate material;
- Be accountable for his or her own work;
- Pursue and attempt to master the curriculum prescribed by the State and local district;
- Show respect for all individuals and property;
- Observe the district's dress code;
- Seek help from school personnel when having problems relating to school;
- Be aware of and observe all rules and regulations for student behavior and conduct;
- Refrain from making profane, insulting, threatening or inflammatory remarks or engaging in disruptive conduct;
- Follow the rules and regulations established by the school and employees of the school.

**PARENTS shall:**

- Establish and maintain a positive attitude toward the school, school personnel and the educational process;
- Prepare their child(ren) emotionally and socially to be receptive to learning and discipline;
- Ensure their student's regular daily attendance;
- Encourage their student(s) to develop proper study habits at home;
- Attend parent training workshops for home reinforcement of study skills and specific curriculum objectives;
- Participate in meaningful parent/teacher conferences during the school year;
- Ensure compliance with district's dress code;
- Cooperate with district personnel when their child is involved in a disciplinary matter;
- Encourage attendance at tutorials when needed;
- Assume responsibility for their child(ren)'s action(s). [A student's parent is liable for property damage proximately caused by (a) the negligent conduct of the student, if such conduct is reasonably attributable to the negligent failure of the parent to exercise that duty, or (b) the willful or malicious conduct of a student (Texas Family Code 33.01)];
- Take care of the physical needs of the child(ren);
- Bring to the attention of school authorities any learning problems or conditions that may relate to their child(ren)'s education;
- Maintain up-to-date home, work and emergency telephone numbers and other pertinent information at school;
- Submit a signed statement that they understand and consent to the responsibilities outlined in this section.

**Required signature sheet is located on the next page.**

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**Signature Sheet**

**Parent Agreement:**

I want my child to achieve. Therefore, I will encourage my child by following the recommended actions for parents in the Statement of Mutual Responsibility.

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(Parent/Guardian Signature/Date)

**Student Agreement:**

It is important that I work to the best of my ability. Therefore, I shall strive to follow the recommended actions for students in the Statement of Mutual Responsibility.

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(Student Signature/Date)

**Teacher Agreement:**

It is important that students achieve. Therefore, I shall strive to follow the recommended actions for teachers in the Statement of Mutual Responsibility.

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(Teacher Signature/Date)

**Administrator Agreement:**

I support this form of parental involvement. Therefore, I shall strive to follow the recommended actions for administrators in the Statement of Mutual

Responsibility. \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_  
(Administrator Signature/Date)